



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Handwritten signature/initials

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/940,381	08/27/2001	Hossein Alavi	3927P004	4377

8791 7590 08/06/2004

BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN
12400 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
SEVENTH FLOOR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025-1030

EXAMINER

PHU, PHUONG M

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2631

DATE MAILED: 08/06/2004

Handwritten number 9

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/940,381

Applicant(s)

ALAVI ET AL.

Examiner

Phuong Phu

Art Unit

2631

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,10,12,13 and 15-20 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8,11,14 and 21 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 22-27 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 6/7/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5, 8, 11, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hendrickson et al (6,055,281), previously cited.

As per claims 1, 11 and 21, see figures 2, 4A, 4B and 5, and col. 10, line 33 to col. 12, line 35 and col. 16, line 33 to col. 17, line 64, Hendrickson et al discloses a method (212, 214) (see figure 2) comprising:

step (212) (see figure 4A) for computing a complex phase difference between a current symbol and a previous symbol as a reference symbol;

step (404,406) (see figure 4B) for separating a real (R) component (222I) and an imaginary (I) component (222Q) forming the complex phase difference;

step (214) (see figures 2 and 5) for determining at least one boundary constraint line (Re, Im, Re=Im, Re=-Im) of a complex phase map for a selected demodulation scheme; and

step (214) for computing a combination of the real component and imaginary component to detect whether a series of bits falls within a selected region of the complex phase map defined by the at least one boundary constraint line (see col. 17, lines 17-64 and TABLE 2).

Art Unit: 2631

As per claim 2, in Hendrickson et al, it is inherent that the previous symbol determines the complex phase difference prior to the current symbol because the previous symbol is occurred prior to the current symbol (see figure 4A).

As per claim 3, Hendrickson et al discloses that the previous symbol is received by means (405) prior the current symbol (see figure 4A).

As per claim 4, Hendrickson et al discloses that the at least one boundary constraint line associated with a demodulation scheme includes lines ($\text{Re}=-\text{Im}$, namely $\text{Re}+\text{Im}=0$) and ($\text{Re}=\text{Im}$, namely $\text{Re}-\text{Im}=0$) (see figure 5).

As per claim 5, Hendrickson et al discloses that the at least one boundary constraint line associated with a demodulation scheme includes line (Re , namely $\text{Im}=0$) (see figure 5).

As per claims 8 and 14, Hendrickson et al discloses that the detection of the series of bits includes detecting a sign bit of the real component of the complex phase difference (see Sign (Re) of TABLE 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-20 are allowed.
5. Claims 22-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on 6/7/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Art Unit: 2631

The applicant mainly argues that for claim 1, Hendrickson et al does not teach the limitation “computing an arithmetic combination of the real value component and the corresponding imaginary component”; and similarly, for claims 11 and 21, Hendrickson et al does not teach “an arithmetic combination of the real value component and the corresponding imaginary value component”.

Regarding to the applicant’s argument with respect to claim 1, the examiner respectfully disagrees. See col. 17, lines 17-64, figure 2 and TABLE 2, Hendrickson et al discloses step (214) wherein the step (214) comprises a comparison arithmetic ($>$) for simultaneously receiving an real value component (Re) and the corresponding imaginary component (Im) for performing an arithmetic function ($>$) on the to real value component (Re) and the corresponding imaginary component (Im) to produce an output (True/False). Therefore, it can be said here that the real value component is combined with the corresponding imaginary component, under the arithmetic function ($>$), to produce the output (True/False). Or namely, in another word, Hendrickson et al discloses the comparison arithmetic ($>$) for computing an arithmetic combination of the real value component and the corresponding imaginary component to produce the output (True/False). Further, the claim does not have any other limitation(s) in order to make the recited “arithmetic combination” distinguishable from Hendrickson et al “arithmetic combination”.

Regarding to the applicant’s argument with respect to claim 11 and 21, the examiner also disagrees with similar reasons set forth above for claim 1.

Art Unit: 2631

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

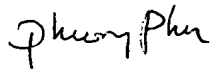
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 703-308-0158. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) First Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 703-306-3034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Art Unit: 2631

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Phuong Phu
07/28/04

Phuong Phu
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2631

PHUONG PHU
PRIMARY EXAMINER